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The Montana State University School of Forestry will participate this summer in a national study of outdoor recreational conditions being conducted by a Congressional commission, Dean Ross Williams said.

The School of Forestry will receive a \$1,000 grant for research in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area under the direction of L. C. Merriam Jr., assistant professor of forestry, and James S. Lambert, MSU forestry student from Menomonie, Wis. The grant is being given by the Wildlands Research Center of the University of California, Berkeley, which is coordinating wilderness research for the Congressionally appointed Outdoor Recreational Resources Review Commission.

The MSU researchers will gather data on administrative costs and the nature of the fire problem in the Marshall area. Their work will supplement more detailed studies being made in the area under a cooperative agreement between the U. S. Forest Service and the University, Dean Williams said.

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